Executive Broclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, One of the major civilizing forces in South Dakota was the advent of churches on our prairies; and,

WHEREAS, The Allen Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church, is celebrating its centennial four full years before our State of South Dakota will achieve centennial status; and,

WHEREAS, Isaac Blakey was the first titular head of the Allen Chapel in Yankton, and his descendants and those or his relatives will gather for a family reunion in conjunction with the celebration of Allen Chapel's 100th birthday; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of the sacred century of service the Allen Chapel in Yankton has contributed to its members and the communities of Yankton and South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS. It is further appropriate for the Governor to recognize the Blakey-White-Blakey reunion as a celebration of family strength and love:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 6 and 7, 1985, as

ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH CENTENNIAL DAYS

and

BLAKEY-WHITE-BLAKEY FAMILY REUNION DAYS

in South Dakola, and I join the people of South Dakota and the congregation of the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church in celebrating its first hundred years of tending to the spiritual needs of the people of Yankton and in wishing the Blakey-White-Blakey reuni in celebrants two days filled with reliving fond tamily memories.

STATES AND SERVICE



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

WILLIAM J. JANKLOY, GOVERNOR

ATTEST: